

Information from two popular parent survey sites:

<http://www.myvoicesurveys.com/surveys/parent>

*My Voice is available through OPI's MBI Project

Parent Survey

The *My Voice*TM Parent Survey provides parents and guardians an opportunity to share their perceptions of their child's experience of school. The survey acknowledges the importance of the role parents play in their child's education and provides educators with valuable information about parents' perceptions of the school's culture.

Overview

The *My Voice* Parent Survey is a 69-item instrument that takes about 15 minutes to complete. The survey uses a five-point scale from *strongly agree* to *strongly disagree*.

Sample Items

My child is a valued member of his/her school community.
I feel welcome in my child's school.
If my child has a problem, there is a teacher he/she can talk to.
My child is encouraged to practice good citizenship at school.
I recognize my child when he/she does his/her best in school.
My child enjoys being at school.
I know the goals my child's school is working on this year.
School is preparing my child well for the future.

www.surveymonkey.com/mp/harvard-education-surveys

Survey Monkey provides a template to help schools develop parent surveys.

Ask the *Right* Questions

For over a decade, tens of thousands of schools have used SurveyMonkey to listen to their parent communities. But many of those surveys have missed the aspects of the family/school relationship that drive student outcomes. That's why we've teamed up with Dr. Hunter Gehlbach of Harvard Graduate School of Education to help K-12 schools ask the right questions to assess parent involvement.

Dr. Gehlbach and his team used a rigorous process to create survey questions to assess key areas of family/school relationships. Drawing from academic literature, parent interviews, focus groups, expert panels, and survey design best practices, the team developed questions that addressed the following key areas:

1. **Parental support** – How much help are students getting at home?
2. **Child behaviors** – What habits have students developed that shape their success?
3. **Parent engagement** – How engaged are parents in their child's schooling, and what potential barriers exist?
4. **Parent self-efficacy** – How confident are parents in supporting their child's schooling?
5. **School climate** – How do parents view their school regarding academic and social standards?
6. **School program fit** – How well do a school's academic program, social climate, and organizational structure match a student's needs?
7. **Parent roles and responsibilities** – How do parents view their roles as well as teachers' roles in different aspects of their child's schooling?